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**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**  
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August 10, 1985

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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

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**MR. WALTER ROBERTS**  
Executive Director  
Board for International  
Broadcasting

**SUBJECT: IBC Meeting (U)**

There will be a meeting of the International Broadcasting Committee on Wednesday, August 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Situation Room, West Wing, White House. Please advise Dr. Lenczowski's office at 395-5646 who will attend from your agency. (U)

The agenda will cover the following subjects:

1. Transmitter site negotiations: Israel, Turkey, Korea.
2. Status report on possibilities of a site in the Japanese islands.
3. Report by BIB on Albanian language service.
4. Status report on REAC consideration of RPE/RL's ideas on a "signal effectiveness" standard.
5. Status report on revised VOA modernization plan.
6. Discussion of revision of RPE/RL modernation plan. (S)

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Executive Secretary

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July 5, 1985

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## MEMORANDUM FOR

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Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: IBC Tasks (U)

At the International Broadcasting Committee meeting of June 18,  
the following tasks were assigned:

1. State is requested to send a cable to Embassy Tokyo requesting the Embassy's judgements about the possibilities of establishing a joint VOA-RFE/RL transmitter site on one of the lesser Japanese Pacific islands. Specifically the best sites from a technical point of view are Tokuno-Shima in the Ryukyu chain, Miyake-jima in the Izu chain and Iwo-jima. Other less desirable possibilities would include Kita-io-jima and Minami-io-jima in the Bonin chain. The most promising political angle we would like explored is the possibility of developing a reciprocal time-sharing arrangement with the Japanese who might be interested in broadcasting over U.S. facilities from North America in exchange for our use of Japanese territory or transmitting facilities. Response from Embassy Tokyo due at NSC by July 17. (S)
2. VOA is requested to prepare a paper examining the optimum transmitter site from U.S. territory in the Pacific from

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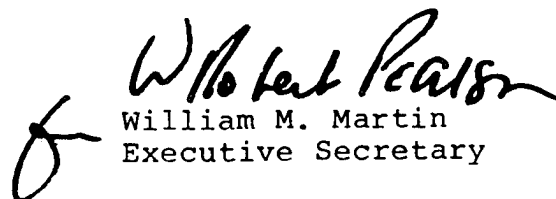
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which we could achieve the best possible two-hop signal to the Soviet Far East.

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3. BIB is requested to prepare a proposal for an Albanian language service that outlines how programming can be controlled in such a way as to avoid aggravating problems in Yugoslavia. Paper is due at NSC by July 31. (S)
4. BIB is requested to submit to VOA a presentation of RFE/RL's ideas on signal strength standards: specifically the proposal for considering a "signal effectiveness" standard of audibility. VOA is then requested to submit this presentation to its REAC members for their consideration. Status report by VOA at next IBC meeting. (S)
5. VOA is requested to prepare a revised version of its overall modernization plan outlining its budgetary requirements. Status report due at next IBC meeting. (S)
6. VOA/Radio Marti is requested to prepare a proposal for developing an audience analysis capability similar to the RFE/RL model. VOA may want to consider the work of Gaither International Inc. in its examination of this problem. Proposal due at NSC by July 31. (S)

  
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Executive Secretary

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June 10, 1985

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Board for International  
Broadcasting

SUBJECT: IBC Meeting (U)

There will be a meeting of the International Broadcasting Committee on Tuesday, June 18, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 208 of the Old Executive Office Building. Please advise Dr. Lenczowski's office at 395-5646, who will attend from your agency. (U)

The agenda will cover the following subjects:

1. Transmitter site negotiations: Israel, Korea, Turkey.
2.
3. Radio Free Afghanistan.
4. Space WARC and the interests of international broadcasting by satellite.
5. Audience analysis for Radio Marti.
6. Status of modernization plans and their long-term budgets.
7. Language priorities at VOA -- status report.
8. Signal strength standards -- status of REAC analysis. (S)

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Executive Secretary

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February 11, 1985

**MEMORANDUM FOR****MR. NICHOLAS PLATT**  
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Office of Management and  
Budget**MR. WALTER ROBERTS**  
Executive Director  
Board for International  
Broadcasting**SUBJECT: IBC Taskings (U)**

At the International Broadcasting Committee meeting of January 25, the following tasks were assigned:

1. VOA negotiators are authorized to proceed with a transmitter time-sharing arrangement with Greece. Similar arrangements may also be made as needed and subject to IBC clearance in the future.
2. VOA, BIB and State are requested to proceed together as quickly as possible with transmitter site negotiations with Israel.
3. The U.S. team negotiating with Korea is requested to stick to our original request of 14 transmitters in the next round of negotiations.
4. BIB, which had previously agreed to produce a technical analysis of the possibilities of reaching the Soviet Far Eastern Maritime provinces from sites in Attu, Guam or the Northern Marianas, should ensure that this analysis is submitted to NSC by February 8. (S)

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5. The IBC Planning Subcommittee should convene a meeting to develop regional and language priorities for U.S. Television broadcasts.
6. VOA is requested to commission a study by its Radio Engineering Advisory Commission on what should constitute an adequate signal strength standard for U.S. broadcasts to heavily jammed environments. A memorandum presenting the results and underlying logic of this study should be sent to the IBC Chairman. Progress report to be given at next IBC meeting. (S)

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Executive Secretary

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## MEMORANDUM FOR

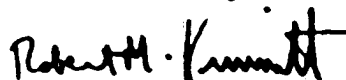
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Executive Director  
Board for International  
Broadcasting

SUBJECT: IBC Meeting (U)

There will be a meeting of the International Broadcasting Committee on Friday, January 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the White House Situation Room. Please advise Dr. Lenczowski's office at 395-5646, who will attend from your agency. (U)

The agenda will cover the following subjects in this order:

1. Update on site negotiations.
2. Report on International TV broadcasting.
3. Report on progress in Direct Broadcasting by Satellite.
4. Report on activities of the Jamming Subcommittee (time permitting).
5. Report on Space WARC preparations (time permitting). (S)

  
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MEMORANDUM FOR

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Executive Director  
Board for International  
Broadcasting

SUBJECT: IBC Taskings (U)

At the International Broadcasting Committee Meeting held on  
Thursday, November 20, 1984, the following tasks were assigned: (U)

1. State should draft a letter from the President to the Israeli Prime Minister urging Israeli acceptance of our request for a VOA/RFE/RL transmitter site. (S)
2. VOA should submit a technical assessment of the capability of a transmitter site in Korea to reach the maritime provinces of Eastern USSR. (Due at NSC by December 12.) (S)
3. As soon as OMB responds to BIB's long-term budget request (as we anticipate, in several weeks), BIB should inform NSC of the results, so that a decision can be made on the timing of an approach to Italy for a transmitter site. (S)
4. State should request U.S. diplomatic missions in Poland to purchase locally available radios, to use them to monitor RFE broadcasts once a week for one month, and to report on the quality of the signal strength. (Report due at NSC, January 7, 1985.) (C)
5. BIB should reclassify all copies of its long-term modernization plan to the "SECRET" level. (S)

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Executive SecretarySECRET

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November 16, 1984

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Executive Secretary  
Agency for International Development  
Room 5945, New StateMR. WALTER ROBERTS  
Executive Director  
Board for International Broadcasting**SUBJECT: IBC Meeting (U)**

There will be a meeting of the International Broadcasting Committee on Tuesday, November 20 1984, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 476 of the Old Executive Office Building (entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue). Please call Dr. Lenczowski's office (395-5646) to advise who will attend from your agency. The agenda will cover the following subjects:

1. Update on transmitter sites.
  - a. Special report on Korea.
  - b. Status report on Israel.
  - c. Technical assessment of Korea capability (Maritime Provinces coverage).
2. Status Report on the Three Questions Posed to IIB in Tasker of August 31.
3. Status Report on Activities of IBC Technical/Jamming Subcommittee.
  - a. Jamming update: Procedures for evaluation within USG.
  - b. Status Report on Direct Broadcasting by Satellite.
4. FBIS Materials for RFE/RL and VOA.
5. International TV Broadcasting. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL  
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MR. WALTER ROBERTS  
Executive Director  
Board for International Broadcasting

MS. JANICE OBUCHOWSKI  
Assistant to the Chairman for International  
Communications - Room 814  
Federal Communications Commission

SUBJECT: Tasks Assigned at IBC Meeting Held on August 1 (S)

At the full IBC meeting of August 1, 1984, the following tasks were assigned:

1. USIA and State should prepare the conceptual study on international TV broadcasting as directed by NSDD 130. This study should include discussion of a full-fledged direct broadcast TV service that goes beyond the existing plans for World Net and the embassy reception network. It should explore the possibilities of establishing U.S. educational TV channels in foreign countries as well as further possibilities of joint arrangements with local foreign TV broadcasters. The technical part of the study is due at the IBC by September 15. The accompanying political analysis is due at the SPG by October 1, (S)
2. FCC should prepare a paper on what it needs to fulfill its responsibilities for monitoring Cuban broadcasts in support of Radio Marti, and monitoring Soviet jamming in support of U.S. efforts at the HF WARC. The paper should include the budgetary impact of these needs, and should list these needs in order of their importance. Paper due at NSC by September 1. (C)
3. State should approach Israel with a request for a transmitter site for joint use by VOA and RFE/RL. Status report due at next IBC meeting. (S)
4. NSC should explore with Ambassador Strausz-Hupe a possible strategy of approaching Turkey for a transmitter site. (S)

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5. BIB should answer these questions:

- a. What is the optimum radio signal strength required to reach an audience in a jammed environment?
- b. To what extent are we meeting such a standard today at RFE/RL?
- c. What package of technical equipment is necessary to meet that standard? (S)

Answers should be returned to the NSC by October 1. (U)

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Executive Secretary

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Executive Secretary  
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May 16, 1984

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Executive Director  
Board for International Broadcasting

SUBJECT: IBC Taskings (U)

After the full IBC meeting of May 7, 1984, the following tasks were assigned:

1. State Department should examine the political possibilities of potential alternative transmitter sites (other than Turkey, Israel and Oman) which could be used to broadcast to European and Central Asian USSR: specifically, Italy, Norway, Nepal and other countries in Europe or Southwest Asia within a 2,000 mile radius of the target areas. Reports due at next full IBC meeting. (S)
2. AID should proceed to install a 20 kw transmitter as quickly as possible in Grenada. By COB, Monday, May 21, AID should supply NSC with the anticipated date for the completion of this project. (S)

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3. USIA and the State Department should examine the operational and political feasibility of establishing a transmitter site on St. Vincent. Report due at next full IBC meeting. (S)
4. VOA should explore the possibilities for optimal use of the DOD portable transmitter now located in Grenada for Latin America/Caribbean broadcasting purposes. (This transmitter will not be available to VOA until the AID transmitter is fully operational in Grenada.) Status report due at next full IBC meeting. (S)
5. The State Department should request the interagency Active Measures Working Group to examine any existing and future evidence of Soviet active measures targetted against Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Voice of America, and their respective modernization and expansion programs. Any evidence should be reported regularly at subsequent IBC meetings. (S)
6. State Department should present a status report on our site request to Botswana at the next full IBC meeting. (S)
7. VOA should send the results of its in-house study on signal strength to East Europe and the USSR to John Lenczowski at NSC. Due COB, Monday, May 21. (S)
8.
9. BIB should immediately commission a competent private engineering firm to conduct a technical study to determine what should be the standard for signal strength into both jammed and unjammed target areas. The study should also determine what the current RFE/RL signal is and what must be done to augment it so that a sufficiently strong signal can reach target audiences. BIB should consult with NSC and VOA about the choice of a firm to conduct this study. Status report due at the next full IBC meeting. (S)

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